

## REMARKS

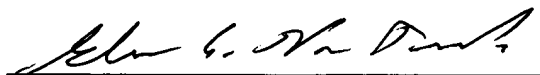
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of the application and prior art. Applicant submits this response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of May 7, 2009. Claims 7-10 and 16-26 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 11-15 and 27-28 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully resubmits the amendment of September 15, 2006. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added, and that the present amendment does not differ materially from the amendment of September 15, 2006. In accordance with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant has not attempted to replicate the remarks of the amendment of September 15, 2006. Applicant notes that two different Art Units are listed in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

## CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees due, charge any deficiencies and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 50-3539, including any charges for an otherwise unrequested extension of time, which is hereby requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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